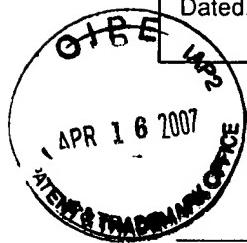


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This amendment is being filed after receipt of a Notice of Allowance and after payment of the issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.312. and is also in response to the attached *Notice to File Corrected Application Papers* (color drawings) mailed February 20, 2007, for which a response is due by April 20, 2007. This response is therefore timely. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

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